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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--ITEM 12(A), REPORT OF THE  
AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS

1. ON MARCH 4 COMMISSION ADOPTED 19-1(US)-3 RES (L.1280)  
ON REPORT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS WHICH RECOMMENDS  
THAT ECOSOC STRONGLY CONDEMN GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA  
AND PORTUGAL AND ILLEGAL REGIME OF RHODESIA FOR "THEIR  
PERSISTENT AND FLAGRANT DISREGARD OF UN RESES BEARING ON  
ENJOYMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND INALIENABLE  
RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO SELF-  
DETERMINATION." RES WOULD ALSO INVITE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
TO BRING TO NOTICE OF SECURITY COUNCIL "DETERIORATION OF  
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH POSES SERIOUS THREAT TO  
WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY." IT APPEALS TO ALL STATES IN  
CONFORMITY WITH OBLIGATIONS UNDER UN CHARTER TO AFFIRM THEIR  
STRONG ABHORRENCE OF FLAGRANT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN  
ABOVE COUNTRIES AND IN NAMIBIA AND AFRICAN TERRITORIES  
OCCUPIED BY PORTUGAL AND TO DESIST FROM GIVING ASSISTANCE  
TO REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. RES WAS INTRODUCED BY REP OF GHANA (ANNAN CATO) AND  
CO-SPONSORED BY BULGARIA, BSSR, EGYPT, INDIA, NIGERIA,  
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SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA, AND TANZANIA. US WAS ONLY

COUNTRY TO VOTE AGAINST. ITALY, UK, AND FRANCE  
ABSTAINED.

3. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE UK, FRANCE, ITALY, AUSTRIA  
AND THE NETHERLANDS ALL STATED THAT THEY HAD VERY GRAVE  
LEGAL RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE RESOLUTION, IN PARTICULAR  
RE OPERATIVE PARAS 2 AND 4. ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS MADE  
ADDITIONAL POINT THAT THEY ABSTAINED AND VOTED FOR  
RESPECTIVELY BECAUSE THEIR ABHORRENCE OF APARTHEID OUT-  
WEIGHED THEIR LEGAL OBJECTIONS.  
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